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LEADER'S NAME BEHIND US STUDENT'S JAILING IN NORTH KOREA

The U.S. student sentenced to 15 years of hard labor by North Korea's supreme court was convicted for trying to steal a banner invoking former North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, state media footage of the trial indicates. The court sentenced the student, Otto Warmbier, on Wednesday for "crimes against the state," North Korean media reported. The United States condemned the punishment as politically motivated and called on North Korea to pardon the University of Virginia student from Wyoming, Ohio, and release him on humanitarian grounds. A White House spokesman said it was "increasingly clear" North Korea sought to use U.S. citizens as pawns to pursue a political agenda. REUTERS

KERRY: ISIS COMMITTED GENOCIDE AGAINST CHRISTIANS, SHI'ITES

2 The Islamic State militant group has committed genocide against minority Christians and Yazidis as well as Shi'ite Muslims, Secretary of State John Kerry said Thursday, a finding that is unlikely to greatly change U.S. policy toward the group. "The fact is that Daesh kills Christians because they are Christians. Yazidis because they are Yazidis. Shi'ites because they are Shi'ites," Kerry said, referring to the group by an Arabic acronym and accusing it of crimes against humanity and of ethnic cleansing. While the genocide finding may make it easier for the United States to argue for greater action against the group, it does not create a legal obligation on the United States to do more. REUTERS

EMBATTLED SEAWORLD TO END BREEDING OF KILLER WHALES

3 Theme park operator SeaWorld said it will stop breeding killer whales, bowing to years of pressure from animal-rights activists. SeaWorld Entertainment Inc.'s decision came after it pledged in November to replace its signature "Shamu" killer whale shows in San Diego with modified presentations of the animals that focused on conservation. "We don't need all these theatrical 'tricks,'" SeaWorld President Joel Manby said on a conference call with reporters. Manby said the parks will use birth control to halt reproduction among its killer whales. SeaWorld, which has parks in San Diego; Orlando, Florida; and San Antonio, has 29 killer whales under its care, with only five of them captured in the wild and the rest born in captivity. REUTERS

Winter doesn't want you to store the shovels yet. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

SNOWSTORM TO STRIKE THE NORTHEAST? SAY IT ISN'T SNOW

Bolaris' Weather Watch

For the past two weeks I've been concerned about the possibility of getting nailed with a late season "snow event," right around the arrival of spring this Sunday at 12:30 a.m.

Looks like my concerns may be justified.

March is the most volatile month of the year, as one day you can be basking in summertime temperatures as we did last week and then in the flash of a blooming daffodil you're scrambling for your winter coat ... and perhaps snow shovel.

Computer models have been waffling for the past 10 days, a few giving us a glancing blow with nothing more than a few rain or wet snow showers and others painting a significant late-season snowstorm from Philly to Boston.

The GFS (Global American Model) has been very inconsistent with its eventual outcome. Earlier it did have an intense coastal storm producing heavy snow and rain for most of the Northeast. Then of late it backed off big-time with just a glancing blow and more of an impact for Boston.

The European model, which in my opinion is still the reigning king in handling potential East Coast storms, has been the steadiest in suggesting a significant to major snow storm for the Northeast, complete with wind-driven heavy wet snows and coastal flooding. I would anticipate that eventually the GFS will see the light, ahhh make that snow, and line up more closely with the euro.

How the storm may shape up

A developing storm that will start to intensify off the Carolina coastline by Saturday night.

Cold air will be funneled down from Hudson's bay in Canada and the rapid cooling will take place across the entire Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region by this weekend. I would expect rapid intensification to take place somewhere off the Virginia coast by late Saturday night and then to move steadily up the coast, passing east of the Jersey Shore by later Sunday and off the New England coast first thing Monday morning.

What to expect

A mix of rain and snow should arrive by Saturday evening in Philadelphia and then spread Northward into New York City by late Saturday night and then on into Boston region by early Sunday morning.

Any mixture will change to all snow along the entire I-95 corridor during Saturday night and into Sunday. Snow will accumulate, perhaps quite rapidly overnight Saturday into Sunday morning, for Philadelphia and the NYC region, especially Long Island.

Boston's main impact from the storm should take place Sunday into late Sunday night.

Coastal flooding likely for all coastal locations from the Jersey Shore to the Capes.

Here's the snow accumulations if the storm reaches its full potential, and it's still a big "if" at this time.

Philadelphia: 4-8 inches, with the best chance just northwest of the I-95 corridor. Ending late Sunday.

Boston: 4-8 inches, ending by early Monday morning, under 4 inches along the Capes as mixing and temperatures should remain a notch or two above freezing.

New York City: 3-5 inches, with 4-plus amounts across central and eastern Long Island as long as mixing is limited. Ending Sunday evening.

Timing

Timing of the storm and its associated snow/sleet/rain still needs to be worked out, although it should be snowing in both Philadelphia and NYC sometime on Saturday night.

Bust forecast potential: HIGH as it is March and still uncertainties with track and intensity at this time.

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Public housing revamp quickened by leader's frightening encounter

PHA Executive Director Kelvin Jeremiah had no idea what he was walking into when he went to check up on one of his housing developments.

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After taking an undercover stroll through the city's most notoriously dangerous housing project, the man heading up the Philadelphia Housing Authority decided he had to act.

PHA Executive Director Kelvin Jeremiah opted for jeans and a baseball cap that summer night. Jeremiah wanted to see the real Sharswood/Blumberg housing facility, sans sugar coating, and to do that, he had to leave his signature suit and tie at home.

"I immediately encountered someone who — ostensibly — I call them the underground entrepreneurs," Jeremiah said.

"He approached me thinking that I was looking to buy something. I didn't quite understand the street slang that was being used. I saw clearly that he had a gun, and basically said to me, I needed to get the F out of there. Otherwise, you're dead."

That was at this moment that Jeremiah realized the housing project his organization oversaw was in dire need of a major overhaul. His plan will, hopefully, soon become a reality. Early this Saturday, PHA takes a major step toward that transformation by imploding the Norman Blumberg Apartments — the two giant high rises that Jeremiah says have served as the cesspools of crime, blight, abandoned property, vacant parcels and targets of dumping for decades.

"Blumberg is one of the most distressed neighborhoods in the city — without a doubt — and by far the most distressed development that PHA owns," said Jeremiah.

"I left that night like a bat out of hell, angry, but more than that, determined to do something different."

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) plans to implode on Saturday two of the three high rises at the Sharswood/Blumberg housing facility in the Sharswood section of North Philadelphia. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Two years ago, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a $500,000 Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Planning grant to PHA, enabling them to move forward on a two-year planning effort that's now yielded a transformation plan that was just this week accepted by HUD.

The Sharswood/Blumberg Transformation Plan consists of 10 phases and will yield more than 1,200 total housing units with a mix of affordable and market-rate, rental and homeownership units. Those who were forced out by eminent domain — 96 families total — will have first dibs at coming back.

Rupert Alston is one such man. He had lived in the Sharswood/Blumberg neighborhood for more than 30 years and in the senior housing complex the last five. He said he'd seen everything from drug deals to shootings in that neighborhood, but still calls it "home."

In October, PHA relocated him to Wilson Park senior housing in South Philly when the transformation really started to pick up speed. He said he looks forward to going back.

"I was up in that area for so long that it's home. I had no problems up there. I just learned to look the other way. You just got to mind your business," he said.

"I'm looking forward to seeing those buildings come down. It cuts down on a lot of riffraff by getting rid of the two high rises, and I can't wait until it gets finished so I can move back."

> ***"I was up in that area for so long that it's home. I had no problems up there. I just learned to look the other way. You just got to mind your business."*** Alston

Jeremiah said that studies he's solicited show that the unemployment rate at Sharswood/Blumberg is at 80 percent, with a literacy rate among adults at 3rd- and 4th-grade levels. It falls within the 22nd Police District, where rapes and murders are reported two or three times higher than the city average. A drive through streets in the neighborhood often reveal boarded up windows and doors or those with homes with no lights on at all.

Altogether, roughly $525 million will be spent on the housing — money coming from PHA's reserves, from capital funds, grants, from low-income housing tax credits and from public-private nonprofit partnerships.

The restoration of the Ridge Avenue commercial corridor is also a major goal of the plan, and Jeremiah said he was so personally affected by his summertime experience at Blumberg that he's decided to consolidate and relocate PHA's main headquarters right on Ridge Avenue so he can have better oversight of the neighborhood in the future.

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Pa. House OKs bill for medical pot

Legislation would regulate the growth and distribution of the drug, which patients could take in pill, liquid or oil form.

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A bill legalizing medical marijuana was passed by the Pennsylvania House in a 149-43 vote Wednesday, Patch reported.

The legislation would regulate the growth and distribution of the drug, which patients could take in pill, liquid or oil form. Patients would not be allowed to smoke the drug.

Some of the diseases and illnesses that could qualify for medical marijuana treatment include "cancer, epilepsy, autism, Parkinson's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis, AIDS, glaucoma and chronic or intractable pain," according to Fox 29.

Lawmakers and advocates volleyed the issue back and forth over several days of debates, amendment voting and passionate speeches, such as one from Rep. Jim Cox.

"Today we have the opportunity of offering hope to the parents of these children, to the patients, offering the hope of letting them, along with their doctors, decide how to best treat the conditions they're dealing with on a daily basis," Cox said.

Others were worried the bill opened the door for those who weren't sick to obtain the drug, and some worried about bypassing federal law.

"We're setting the path to bypass the FDA product approval process, whether the drugs are good or bad. We're saying we're willing to circumvent that process, a process that's been in place for over 100 years, because it's what's needed now," Majority Whip Bryan Cutler argued.

The bill now heads to the Senate, where it's expected to pass. The Senate approved a similar bill last year.

Gov. Tom Wolf, an advocate for legalization, praised the actions of the House in a statement:

"I applaud the Pennsylvania House for passing legislation to legalize medical marijuana, and I look forward to the Senate sending the bill to my desk. We will finally provide the essential help needed by patients suffering from seizures, cancer and other illnesses."

According to Patch, if the bill is passed, Pennsylvania will join 23 other states where medical marijuana is legal.

Holmesburg motorist shot in head crashes car, survives

One man is hospitalized and another is in custody after a Wednesday night shooting in Holmesburg.

Police responded to a car crash around 9:30 p.m. on the 4700 block of Meridian Street, CBS3 reported. When authorities arrived, they saw the driver had been shot in the head.

The bullet apparently came through the rear driver-side window and struck the driver, Fox 29 stated.

The motorist subsequently crashed into two parked cars, authorities told CBS3. He was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Police, though, had not identified the victim as of publication deadline Thursday.

A 17-year-old on Lansing Street was taken into custody in connection with the incident, according to Fox 29.

The investigation is continuing. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Convict charged in triple murder in Philadelphia

DA Seth Williams charged the already incarcerated Quadir Jeffries with a triple murder involving a home-invasion robbery.

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A Philadelphia man who is currently incarcerated for a home invasion has been charged in a February 2014 execution-style triple murder, District Attorney Seth Williams said Thursday.

Quadir Jeffries, 25, is accused of killing Keurlin Charles, Brian Williams and Vagner Freemont on the night of Feb. 13, 2014, during a home invasion in Philadelphia's Lawncrest section.

"Quadir Jeffries committed a horrible triple murder," Williams said Thursday.

"I chose to give this case to the investigating grand jury because certain witnesses were reluctant to give very, very simple answers to very, very simple questions."

Assistant District Attorney Andrew Notaristefano said that circumstantial evidence led investigators to believe Jeffries was one of two killers at the scene that night.

The other was allegedly Cori Thompson, who was arrested in October 2015 after providing a statement to police. The evidence against Jeffries and Thompson link them both to the murders, though Thompson is being tried separately and awaiting trial.

"Mr. Charles was selling marijuana out of the house. [Jeffries] knew that," said Notaristefano.

"There were connections with Cori Thompson and they were in contact with one another before [Charles] let them into the house. Once they got in the house, they had other plans Mr. Charles was not aware of.

"We needed his associates to come in and answer innocuous questions. They didn't want to do it. We needed a grand jury to subpoena them to do that," said Notaristefano.

> *"We needed his associates to come in and answer innocuous questions. They didn't want to do it."*
>
> Notaristefano

Jeffries is also charged with three counts of robbery, one count of burglary, one count of possessing an instrument of crime, one count of carrying a firearm without a license, one count of carrying a firearm on public streets and one count of conspiracy. He will next appear in court once a preliminary hearing date is set.

Jeffries is currently in prison, having been found guilty in December of conspiracy, burglary, robbery and aggravated assault for a violent home invasion that took place in Philadelphia's Hunting Park just last year.

According to the district attorney's office, sometime prior to his December conviction, Jeffries and two co-conspirators plotted to rob a 57-year-old victim. They followed him to his house, knocked his bedroom door off its hinges, pistol-whipped and stomped him until he was unconscious and took money and marijuana from the house and fled.

Jeffries is currently serving a 20- to- 40-year sentence. If convicted of these new charges, he could face up to three life sentences.

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The mayor wants a 3-cents-per-ounce soda tax. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

SODA TAX IS TONE-DEAF TO PEOPLE IN A FOOD DESERT

THE ERNEST OPINION

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When I'm not covering news, I run an after-school multimedia program for public school students at West Philadelphia High. For some time, I wondered where my mentees' poor eating habits came from — was it from their family or just mass media promoting junk food?

As I walked up to 52nd Street Station, I noticed that there aren't any big grocery stores that complement the healthy eating skills that are often taught during their class hours. Instead, there are mainly fast food joints, vending machines and greasy food truck stops.

This is what a food desert looks like. And while Mayor Jim Kenney wants to tax sugary sodas as a way to regenerate funds in our city and pretend to care about the health benefits — he should actually reconsider.

In 2015, The Reinvestment Fund, a locally based community development financial institution, reported a 56 percent drop between 2005 and 2013 in city residents who didn't have access to healthy food options. However, factoring in the city's growing poverty rate, the figures aren't that impressive for many target demographics.

Earlier this month, Kenney proposed a 3-cents-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks with the hopes of bringing in an estimated $432 million over five years to pay for his improvements on universal pre-K, community schools, and upgrades to parks and recreation centers.

This plan sounds impressive in theory — but in application, it's tone-deaf. The projected value of the tax will definitely benefit those who are also going to be hit the hardest on paying for it. Sugary drinks run supreme in food deserts across Philly because they are often the only beverage next to water that is being sold.

In other words, increasing a tax on sugary drinks on poor people who live in food deserts as a way to increase funding for their schools and parks is counterintuitive. This is another example of how politics try to put a Band-Aid on the symptoms without healing the actual wounds.

If Kenney cares about improving the quality of health for lower income communities, he should actually invest in better quality food access for those devastated. You can't punish poor people for living in the worst conditions in the city through taxes — and then expect them to rise above said circumstances as a result.

That's taxation without representation. If he allowed the people to vote on the proposal right now, it would fail miserably.

Increasing taxes on a product that holds various degrees of value to Philadelphians isn't fair at all. If anything, place the tax on huge sports venues or high-end restaurants. Recognize that for many in this city, soda isn't treated as a luxury — but the only affordable option next to water.

I'm calling on our mayor to re-evaluate this plan and actually take into consideration those who don't have the privilege to buy five different brands of water or choose between seven kinds of freshly squeezed juices.

My mentees and their families from West Philly High and beyond deserve better grocery stores with more nutritious food options — not increased taxes that will take away from their ability to thrive.

"The projected value of the tax will definitely benefit those who are also going to be hit the hardest on paying for it."

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Congress urges resignations of Michigan governor, EPA chief over Flint water crisis

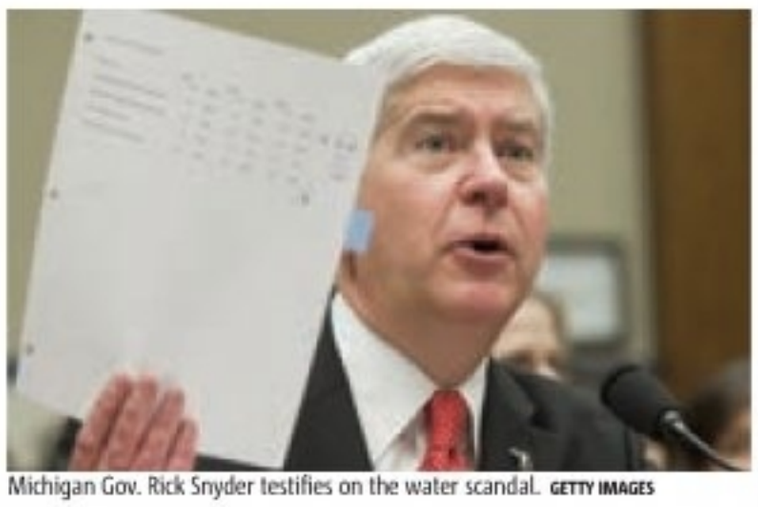
Snyder and McCarthy sat before the House Oversight Committee as lawmakers grilled them on their response to the crisis, which has turned into a full-blown health emergency.

U.S. lawmakers on Thursday called for the resignations of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, on the grounds that they failed to act fast enough to intervene with the city of Flint's contaminated drinking water.

Snyder and McCarthy sat side by side before the House Oversight Committee as lawmakers from both parties grilled them on their response to the crisis, which has turned into a full-blown health emergency. It also has led to several lawsuits in state and federal courts, and federal and state investigations.

Under the direction of a state-appointed emergency manager, Flint, a working class mostly African-American city of 100,000 northwest of Detroit, switched water supplies to the Flint River from Detroit's water system in 2014, to save money.

The corrosive river water leached lead from the city's water pipes. Lead is toxic and can damage the nervous system. Blood samples taken from children in Flint contained high levels of lead.



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder testifies on the water scandal. GETTY IMAGES

The city switched back to the Detroit system last October.

Over 200 residents from Flint traveled by bus to Washington to attend Thursday's hearing, including 10-year-old Jaylon Terry, who fidgeted in his chair in the committee room.

"I've been getting constant calls every day from his teachers," said his mother, Lewenna Terry, who said the lead in his system has affected Jaylon's attention span and grades. "The teachers have noticed it's not just my son but other kids. The whole city has been poisoned." REUTERS

Newark school system set to test children for lead

As many as 17,000 students in Newark, New Jersey, schools could be tested for lead in their blood after findings showed elevated levels of the toxin have been in water in schools since at least 2012, city health officials said.

Voluntary lead testing began on Thursday in the state's largest school district after 30 schools were found to have high levels of lead in the water fountains last week. The school district has about 35,000 students.

Health officials said the testing started with pupils at two early childhood centers, which were among schools where water fountains were shut off on March 9 after recent testing found lead levels exceeded the federal safety limit.

Officials earlier this week acknowledged the problem has plagued the district since 2012.

Lead has not been found in the water supply of the city of Newark, located 11 miles west of New York City, the state Department of Environmental Protection confirmed.

Still, the issue has brought comparisons to the crisis in Flint, Michigan. At a Congressional hearing on Thursday, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder testified that the lead contamination in water resulted from the cumulative failures of local, state and federal governments.

In Newark, the DEP plans to test water at all 67 public schools beginning on Saturday, starting with 13 charter schools and non-traditional school buildings, such as a athletic facilities. REUTERS

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BRIEF

Lawsuit against Uber in name of murder suspect is found to be a hoax

A lawsuit filed against Uber claiming that the ride-sharing company was to blame for the jailing of an Uber driver who is charged with murder is a hoax, the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office said on Thursday.

The Sheriff's Office said officials became suspicious of the suit, filed in the name of murder suspect Jason Dalton, who is currently jailed in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, after seeing the online filing. The online filing included a facsimile of the envelope used to send the suit, which had a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, postmark.

"Our mail does not go Philadelphia. That raised a lot of suspicion right there," Pali Matyas, an undersheriff, said in an interview.

The envelope in court documents was not a jail envelope, the postage did not match what the county jail uses and the hand-written court filing did not match handwriting the office had on file of Dalton, Matyas said.

Deputies spoke with Dalton on Thursday in jail.

"He said that he didn't send it, and didn't authorize it and he didn't know who did," Matyas said, adding that Dalton's attorney also had no knowledge of the lawsuit.

"All of that translates into a hoax," he said.

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, where the lawsuit was filed, was informed by the sheriff's office that it found the suit to be a hoax. If the lawsuit is proven to be fraudulent, it may take some time to remove the hand-written filing from the court's online records system, court spokesman Rod Hansen said. REUTERS

Police officers make an arrest GETTY IMAGES

More US police officers buying insurance in case of lawsuits

Law enforcement officers in the United States are increasingly buying professional liability insurance policies amid worries they may be sued for their on-duty actions, the Fraternal Order of Police, the biggest U.S. police union, told Reuters.

Between July 2014 and July 2015, the number of members who bought the union's liability insurance jumped 15 percent, according to data from the FOP released this week and shared exclusively with Reuters.

The insurance would help cover legal fees, but would not protect against criminal prosecution.

In previous years, liability insurance purchases grew only between one to three percent, said Jim Pasco, executive director of the FOP, which represents more than 330,000 officers.

The sharp jump comes amid a national debate over whether law enforcement should be under more surveillance and scrutiny, especially in light of a wave of publicized cases where deadly force was used against unarmed civilians, many of them minorities.

"In an already litigious society, the likelihood of a police officer being sued or charged, often falsely, grows by the day. Officers are increasingly aware of the need to be protected and joining the FOP legal defense plan in growing numbers," said Pasco, whose union sells insurance for $265 a year.

Civil rights groups such as Black Lives Matter and the Obama administration have called for increased accountability for officers, including the use of body cameras and community oversight.

Still, some in law enforcement, including FBI Director James Comey, have said that the increased scrutiny has made officers feel antagonized and afraid to do their jobs.

"The environment has become increasingly volatile towards law enforcement in general," said Jonathan Adler, a member and past president of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, where insurance purchases grew 10 percent last year.

Several high-profile police-involved shootings between July 2014 and July 2015, the period the union studied, led to civil and criminal suits being filed against police.

Officers sued in wrongful death lawsuits include Ferguson, Missouri officer Darren Wilson, who shot unarmed teen Michael Brown in August 2014, and Cleveland officers Frank Garmback and Timothy Loehmann, the officers who encountered Tamir Rice, 12, who was shot while carrying a toy gun in November 2014. REUTERS

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BRIEF

SEC says Amazon should allow shareholder vote on gender pay

Amazon should allow shareholders to vote on a proposal on gender pay equality, the U.S. securities regulator decided this week in rejecting the retailer's request to omit the measure from its annual ballot.

Arjuna Capital, the activist arm of investment firm Baldwin Brothers Inc., said it submitted the proposal to Amazon and eight other technology companies, including eBay and Intel Corp.

Only Amazon sought permission from the Securities and Exchange Commission to omit the proposal, Arjuna said.

Arjuna called for an October deadline for Amazon to report the difference between males' and females' pay and its plans to close the gap, according to a filing on the SEC's website.

While such proposals generally face long odds, just getting one on the ballot of a high-profile company like Amazon can be a catalyst for change.

In a ruling on Tuesday, the SEC said it did not agree with Amazon that the proposal was "so inherently vague or indefinite" that it would impede implementation.

Amazon, which estimates that as of July women made up 39 percent of its global workforce and 24 percent of managers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether it would include the proposal on its ballot.

"We're committed to fairly and equitably compensating all our employees, and we review all employee compensation on at least an annual basis to ensure that it meets that bar," Amazon said in an emailed statement.

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Frigid Pluto is home to more diverse terrain than expected

A scientist described the diversity of landscapes as "astonishing."

"We are puzzled by almost everything."
Alan Stern, the New Horizons mission's lead scientist

The most detailed look at Pluto's surface to date has revealed an unexpected range of mountains, glacial flows, smooth plains and other landscapes, according to studies released on Thursday.

The unprecedented window into the so-called dwarf planet, which orbits the sun like other planets but is smaller, comes via high-resolution photographs from NASA's New Horizons spacecraft. The interplanetary space probe made the first-ever visit to Pluto and its five moons last July.

Those images, chemical analyses and other data show a complex, geologically active world 3 billion miles from Earth, with an underground ocean and volcanoes that appear to spew ice, five research papers published in this week's Science journal said.

"It's a pretty wild place geologically," said planetary scientist William McKinnon of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

How the varied terrain came to be remains a mystery for the distant Pluto, which has an average surface temperature of minus 380 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 229 degrees Celsius).

Scientists suspect several processes at work, including vaporization of volatile ices, such as nitrogen, carbon monoxide and methane, into Pluto's cold and unexpectedly compact atmosphere.

Though smaller than Earth's moon, Pluto likely still has enough internal heat from its formation some 4.5 billion years ago to help maintain its most prominent feature, a smooth, 620-mile wide, heart-shaped basin known as Sputnik Planum.

Relatively young mountains west of Sputnik Planum and mounds to the south are harder to explain. Scientists suspect both rest on blocks of water ice, though how that came to exist on Pluto is unknown.

The studies show that Pluto's primary moon, Charon, had an active life but ran out of naturally occurring radioactive heat in its rocks and froze through about 2 billion years ago.

Scientists now believe Charon and Pluto's four other small moons owe their existence to a crash between Pluto and another Pluto-sized body early in the solar system's history. REUTERS

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Cruz names national security team for presidential campaign

Ted Cruz, Donald Trump's closest Republican rival in the presidential race, named his national security advisers on Thursday, including former staffers of President George W. Bush and members of a think tank that has been called an anti-Muslim "hate group."

Announcing the team in a statement, Cruz said he would reverse what he described as the weakening of the United States in a dangerous world, singling out militant Islamist groups in the Middle East and North Africa as his focus.

"After two terms of a failed Obama-Clinton foreign policy, our allies are confused and frightened, and our enemies are looking for opportunities," his statement read, referring to President Barack Obama and Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Ted Cruz GETTY IMAGES

Among the most recognizable names on Cruz's list of 23 advisers was Elliott Abrams, who served in both President Ronald Reagan's and Bush's administrations and is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations for Middle Eastern studies.

The list, first reported by Bloomberg View, also included Frank Gaffney, a former official in President Ronald Reagan's administration, and at least two other members of a think tank Gaffney founded, the Center for Security Policy.

The center produces research that drifts far from the academic mainstream, arguing that hundreds of thousands of American Muslims support Islamist violence in the United States and that there is a conspiracy to erode the U.S. legal system by elevating sharia, the Islamic legal code, in the country. REUTERS

Support from Grahm

Former Republican presidential candidate Senator Lindsey Graham is throwing his support behind Senator Ted Cruz in the race for his party's presidential nomination, multiple media outlets reported on Thursday. CNN said Graham will host a fundraiser in support of the Texas senator and his former rival in the race on Monday.

BRIEF

House Speaker: Contested Republican convention more likely

House Speaker Paul Ryan said on Thursday it is increasingly likely that the Republican Party's presidential nominating convention will be a contested one this summer.

If no candidate can assemble 1,237 Republican delegates by July, the party's presidential nominee for the November election will be chosen by convention delegates in Cleveland, Ohio, in what could be four days of political drama, carried live on national television.

Republican front-runner Donald Trump warned on Wednesday of "riots" if he is denied the party's presidential nomination, after he scored big wins in primaries in Florida, Illinois and North Carolina on Tuesday. It is uncertain whether Trump can get the 1,237 convention delegates he needs before July.

Ryan denounced Trump's "riots" comment, saying it was unacceptable to even hint at violence. He said he had to study up on the convention process, since he would be chairing the event and wanted to be sure the rule of law prevails.

"Nothing has changed other than the perception that this is more likely to become an open convention than we thought before. So, we're getting our minds around the idea that this could very well become a reality," Ryan said.

As chairman, Ryan will be charged with opening and closing the event, and overseeing the presidential nomination roll call - possibly more than one, if the first is not decisive. He would also be expected to deal with any floor fights on controversial motions that arise.

"I will have to obviously bone up on all the rules and all of those things," Ryan told reporters.

"My goal is ... to be neutral and dispassionate, and to make sure that the rule of law prevails, and to make sure that the delegates make their decision however the rules require them to do that," he said. REUTERS

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CAGE FIGHT TIME

THE FOREMAN OPINION

TOM FOREMAN

Maybe they'll be wrong, but ask 10 political pundits what the matchup will be this fall and nine will say Clinton-Trump. (The 10th one will be napping or drunk, because frankly this political season has been exhausting.) Then ask what that clash of titans will be like, and their bloodshot eyes will blaze: amazing. Jaw-dropping. Like the rematch of Ronda Rousey and Holly Holm.

The tale of the tape is easy. Most think Clinton would be a boxer. Picking her targets with cunning, firing machine gun jabs and counting on money and patience to grind her opponent down. Trump would be the brawler. Throwing roundhouse punches, laughing through even the most furious flurries and instantly wading back in for more.

In terms of classic campaigning, his weaknesses are easily seen. He's never held elected office. He flings out facts and falsehoods with equal abandon. He can be tripped up, and he is often proven wrong in the headlines.

But lest her supporters grow smug, in this political climate those qualities have also made him a perfect ringer. A shoot-from-the-lip outsider. And she has weaknesses.

Think about it. Trump seems to have every newsroom in America on speed dial, and he appears ready to jump on the air at any moment for a leisurely chat. By contrast, Clinton is extremely cagey. She rarely engages in spontaneous exchanges with the media. That could give him oceans of airtime to build his fame and his following, while she's left just hoping the networks might take her prepared speeches live.

Trump goes into debates like Thunderdome, well aware that they are more about theater than rhetorical finesse. Preparation? Who needs it? Sure, she may develop a carefully considered strategy based on focus-group tested positions, but how much will that matter when he charges across the stage and takes a chainsaw to her over issues of trust, likeability and transparency?

True, she's got experience over him in a big way. But remember: In this election, experience is being seen as a problem by enormous swaths of voters, something Trump will eagerly point out.

If the race for the White House comes down to these two contenders, those are real issues Clinton will have to engage. Because there is little doubt Trump's plan is simple: Hit any opponent hard, hit often and don't stop hitting until the fight is called.

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The third "Divergent" film, "Allegiant," finds Shailene Woodley's Tris(with Ansel Elgort) adopting new attire. MURRAY CLOSE

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

Shailene Woodley: Tris looks weird in a dress

The YA star found a new twist on her "Divergent" hero.

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Shailene Woodley is now three movies into her four-film series based on the "Divergent" YA books, with "Allegiant" following her character, Tris, as she further battles corrupt forces. It's an interesting place to be: the end in sight but not quite here. But the ongoing process and massive cast of actors — not just contemporaries like Miles Teller and Ansel Elgort but established greats, including Naomi Watts and Jeff Daniels — coming and going from the franchise has given her some unique experiences. She just never thought, given the dystopian setting, she'd be dressed so well for them.

Of the new cast members, who did you have the most fun working with?
All of them. Jeff Daniels was fun to go toe-to-toe with because he's got that quiet sinister thing going on instead of the in-your-face aggressive. He's more passive, which I find to be more chilling and thrilling. And it was fun to work with Bill [Skarsgard], Andy [Bean] and Nadia [Hilker], to have some more similar people in their 20s join the cast and really just rock their roles and bring a fun, youthful energy in.

Is it a different atmosphere when everybody is always together on set?
That happens quite often in these films, and it can be quite tedious to just walk all day or stand there and not say anything. But luckily we all get along really well and find ways to entertain ourselves though the process.

Like trying to mess up each other takes?
Oh my God, there's so much laughing. I think the crew's fairly fed up with our jokes and our laughter because there's too many times that we roll and have to cut because we're in hysterics. It's so much fun for us, but I think everyone else gets a little annoyed. They're like, "Let's just go home."

Clothes make the person

Not to get too superficial, but your wardrobe goes through a distinct change in this installment.
I know, it's so interesting. It was so weird to put a dress and heels on and try and understand the dynamics of who she was within the nature of that particular wardrobe.

What do you think she feels the most comfortable wearing?
I think Tris feels most comfortable in tactical clothes and her gear, you know, where she knows where all her weaponry is and she knows that she can fight. In a dress you feel quite vulnerable, especially in heels because you're limited in access to how you can output your energy.

Yet you spend most of this movie in that white dress.
Yeah, it was interesting to be in all the white clothes. And they were quite uncomfortable to wear, so even trying to hold your body a specific way, I didn't feel like Tris, which made it a great challenge to still have to remember who she was.

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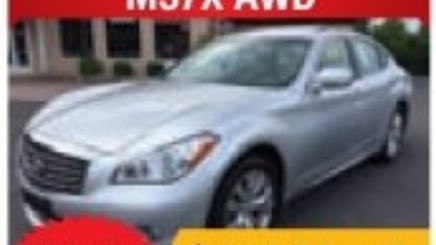
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Jennifer Garner probably deserves better than "Miracles from Heaven." SONY

"Miracles from Heaven"

Director: Patricia Riggen
Stars: Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers
Rating: PG
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Slipped into multiplexes already clogged with evangelical bait ("Risen," "The Young Messiah," soon "God's Not Dead 2"), "Miracles from Heaven" is a God movie but the kind that boasts studio bucks and actual, real-name stars, in this case Jennifer Garner, Queen Latifah and that guy from "The Ring" who was also in "Torque." That doesn't mean it's not as crude and aimless as any amateur cheapie.

The bulk of "Miracles" is a soggy Lifetime movie accidentally projected onto an enormous screen, with Garner as Christy Beam, a nice Texan mom desperately searching for a cure for her daughter, Anna (Kylie Rogers), who suddenly and inexplicably comes down with an abdominal disease. Unlike "Heaven Is for Real," the big miracles (or whatever they were) are pushed off till the final 20. We may wonder why we're watching it, especially as Garner has little to do but blow up on careless doctors.

There is one bright spot: Eugenio Derbez, the star of "Instructions Not Included," plays the overbooked specialist who tends to Anna, sneaking real warmth and humor into a film that too often feels cynically engineered to patronize a niche that's underrepresented by mainstream cinema and definitely deserves better than this. MATT PRIGGE

Why can't Sally Field hook up with young Max Greenfield in "Hello My Name Is Doris"? It's not because of the age gap. ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

"Hello My Name Is Doris"

Director: Michael Showalter
Stars: Sally Field, Max Greenfield
Rating: R
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As Doris, a Staten Island cat lady in love with a 20-something go-getter with a 1,000-watt smile (Max Greenfield), Sally Field isn't just a lovable caterpillar belatedly becoming a butterfly. She can be, by turns, weird, delusional, creepy. She can make things, and the movie built around her, awkward and uncomfortable. Fields doesn't sand down Doris' rough edges, and so she's someone who doesn't think twice about turning into a stalker and, at one point, a destructive force.

"Hello My Name is Doris" has to walk a particularly thin tightrope. Make its hero too sweet and the film falls into a vat of bathos. Make her too out-there and it becomes simply cruel. If it falls at all, it's usually on the former side, though it always gets back up. Doris is a useful main character to have, as she's someone that encourages condescension: the damaged type whose actions, when they're noticed at all, tend to be written off as cute. No one's interested in getting to really know her, which would mean seeing the real desperation and trauma lurking just underneath the surface of big granny glasses and spluttering social interactions. For her, even a happy ending will have to exist partly in her head. MP

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Theo James and Shailene Woodley have to do one more "Divergent" film, then they can move on with their lives.
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"The Divergent Series: Allegiant"

Director: Robert Schwentke
Stars: Shailene Woodley, Theo James
Rating: PG-13

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We know what you're thinking: Are the "Divergent" films the YA franchise where our heroine (Shailene Woodley) is good at archery or has tattoos? (It's tattoos.) Is the rebel leader-turned-villain played by Julianne Moore or Naomi Watts? (It's Watts.) Does Ashley Judd pop up as the dead mother or maybe it was Diane Lane? (It was Judd.) Wasn't Kate Winslet in this once? (She was.)

Building on whatever happened in the last one, the third (but not final) installment, called "Allegiant," finds the story at the point in the YA template where the good guy revolutionaries have turned into bad guy fascists. Woodley's Tris and buds — including her rent-a-stud boo Theo James, a disused Zoe Kravitz and Ansel Elgort as the clumsy nerd — escape from the clutches of Watts' cryptodictator to a secret utopia hidden in the wastelands, ruled by the films' fifth or sixth overqualified great actor, Jeff Daniels.

What follows could pass as a YA lampoon, if it had more than a single intentionally funny joke. Committed to a franchise that doesn't underperform enough to be canceled midstream, the actors look disengaged. During juiceless action scenes, they let their CGI avatars do the bulk of the grunt work. It's appropriate that this round features a gas that erases people's memories; surely the makers wish you wouldn't remember all the films it's ripping off. Better yet, if only we could forget a film so shopworn that somehow even the unfailingly, preternaturally warm Woodley actually looks bored. MATT PRIGGE

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Eugenio Derbez comes to Hollywood

The "Instructions Not Included" star finds laughs in the drama "Miracles from Heaven."

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Eugenio Derbez is a massively successful Mexican writer, director and actor — just ask his 8.4 million Twitter followers — but if he had it his way he'd only be an actor. Luckily that's what he gets to do in "Miracles from Heaven," playing an in-demand pediatric specialist with a penchant for clowning around. He winds up tending to a young girl (Kylie Rogers) who has a rare, incurable abdominal problem, at the behest of her harried mom (Jennifer Garner).

Eugenio Derbez plays a doctor trying to help the ill daughter of Jennifer Garner in "Miracles from Heaven." SONY

How were you first approached about this project?

It was through Patricia Riggen, the director, because we'd worked together. This is my third movie working with Patricia, and when she called me for this project she said, "You can't say no to this project. This is about a doctor who happens to be about your age, he is Mexican and he treats his patients with a lot of comedy."

Did you get much time with your real-life counterpart?

Yeah. I mean, not enough probably as I would've liked. He was in Boston working. I did all my research through the Internet, and then we talked a lot through Skype about how he works with the kids, how he treated them and why he used all this comedy to get to them.

Did you bring any of your own personal comic style to it?

Of course. Actually, here everyone is scared about lawsuits or whatever, but I have a collection of the most funny ties you can imagine. Like, tons of them. So I brought Patricia all these funny and unique ties, and she went, "But we don't have the rights for all of them." And I said, "But look at them! I bought them in Mexico, nobody's going to sue you!" So we just used the Elmo tie, but it was enough.

Has being a director yourself, including on the hit "Instructions Not Included," changed how you approach working as an actor?

It's absolutely different. I've been directing myself my entire career, and when I come and work with another director I enjoy it very much. When I'm involved in every aspect, I'm always suffering. Every time I see my shows, I can see my eyes. I can see that I'm not acting — I'm directing. I'm more worried about the camera of the other actors than my delivery. So when I have the opportunity to work with people like Patricia, I completely relax. I'm very easygoing, I'm not one of those guys who are giving directions to the director.

How are things different for you here in the U.S. after the success of "Instructions not Included"?

Well, my life changed completely. A lot of doors opened here, and now I have a lot of offers to make movies. I signed a deal with Lionsgate, so we're developing five movies in a row. And then I signed a deal with NBC Universal Television to develop a series. If you find the correct movie or TV series, the Latin audience will show up. There have been a lot mistakes when they've tried to reach that audience. They think that with just some immigrant or narcos themes, you can bring them to the movies, but it's harder than that. You have to know the audience very well.

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With "Creative Control," Benjamin Dickinson, who also co-wrote and directed, plays an ad exec who gets corrupted by a Google Glasses-esque gizmo. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

"Creative Control"

Director: Benjamin Dickinson
Stars: Benjamin Dickinson, Nora Zehetner
Rating: R
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"Creative Control" tells us something we likely already know: Given the right gizmo, hipster bros will go full sociopath. (Or moreso.) Set in a recognizably almost-near future Brooklyn, Benjamin Dickinson's sneaky and seductively pretty B&W dramedy imagines a world where the Google Glass doesn't suck. It's called Augmenta and, unlike the previous failed iteration, it actually looks like a pair of glasses. Of course, that's not a great thing. The elegant integration means the wrong people — like a millennial ad exec played by Dickinson himself — could use it for fiendish purposes: say, creating a digital avatar of his best friend's girl (Alexia Rasmussen) and "having sex" with her.

Shooting in clean long takes that are regularly intruded on with digital pop-ups, Dickinson creates a steady stream of arresting images. Still, is Dickinson's lead douche a flawed test sample? He's the type of guinea pig who would definitely use an Augmenta (or whatever it's called when it's really invented) for nefarious purposes. Frequently funny-nasty but also incurious, "Creative Control" doesn't entertain the notion that the Augmenta could, in the right hands, be used for good — that it can be anything other than a sign of humanity's looming doom. Then again, it manages to implicate the viewer in sneaky ways. You can tell yourself you'd never use such tech for nefarious purposes. And you might even think you're not lying. MATT PRIGGE

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David Morse

The actor discusses Big Foster and more as part of Philadelphia Theatre Company's Theatre Masters series.

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With his long, stringy gray hair and beard, gruff manner and surly glare, Big Foster — the heir apparent to a clan of Appalachian moonshiners on WGN America's "Outsiders" — has all the makings of a classic tough-guy villain.

As the show's first season has progressed, however, the belligerent mountain man has revealed more and more of his weakness, petulantly drinking his troubles away and taunting his oldest son when things don't go his ill-tempered way.

That complexity isn't surprising given that Big Foster is played by David Morse, one of today's great character actors, one who's particularly adept at giving life to snarling villains and corrupt cops.

"The way they had originally written Big Foster," Morse explains over the phone from his Philadelphia home, "he was really just a big bully enjoying his life, getting in trouble and getting out of it. But as the season went along, we all saw how Big Foster had many more levels. I liked the two worlds operating at the same time — a world that felt fantastical up there in the mountains but was rooted in a world that's familiar to us."

Before heading back to Pittsburgh to shoot the show's second season in May, Morse will visit the Suzanne Roberts Theatre, where he'll participate in an interview with arts consultant Howard Sherman as part of the Philadelphia Theatre Company's Theatre Masters series. The Boston-born actor says that theater was his first love, so he welcomes any opportunity to appear before a live audience.

"It was difficult for me to communicate with people when I was younger, to just express myself in my daily life," Morse says.

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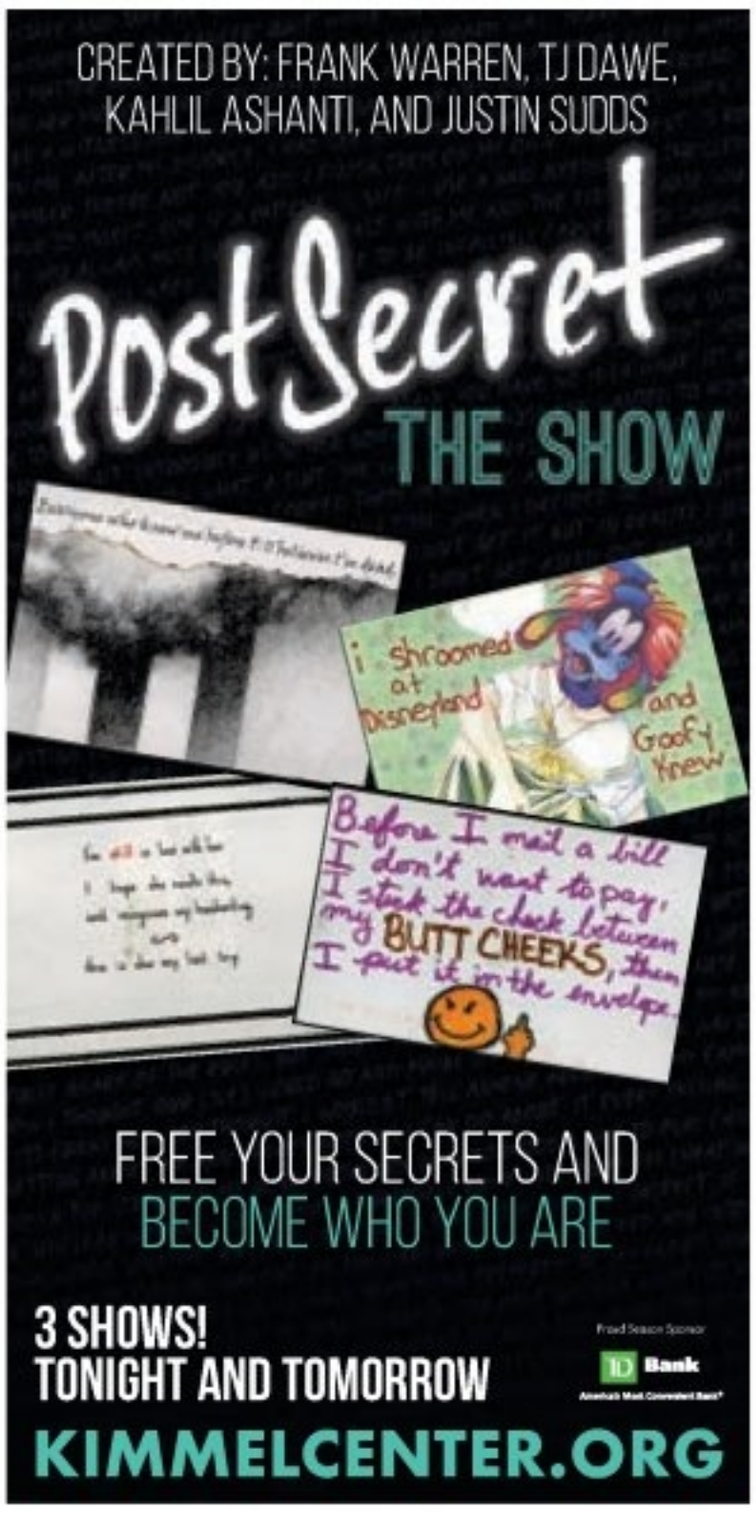
"I felt set free on a stage in a way I did not feel in my own life. You have the freedom to behave in ways that you cannot in real life, without getting into trouble, behaviorally and emotionally."

Morse hasn't had much time to pursue theater with his busy film and TV career, which includes memorable roles in the series "Treme" and "House" and films like "12 Monkeys," "The Green Mile" and, most recently, "Concussion." But he has found a similar release in his family.

"There's a way I can behave with my wife and children that I can't outside of my family. I felt a freedom to be silly, to play — and there's something about playing that is liberating. When you're acting, there's a similar feeling that brings good feelings along with it."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From Google to Googleable

Hip-hop hipster Hoodie Allen fills us in from the road.

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We like "Annie Hall," too, Hoodie. GETTY IMAGES

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Hoodie Allen is in Cleveland, Ohio, closing in on his last six shows of his tour for his latest independent release, "Happy Camper." The artist born Steven Adam Markowitz broke onto the scene with self-released EP titled "All American" in 2012 and rose to music chart acclaim before releasing his first studio album "People Keep Talking" in 2014. Now 27, Hoodie catches up with us about his writing methods, that time he worked at Google and why he chose a play on Woody Allen to enter the rap game.

How Woody became Hoodie

Before he was Hoodie, Markowitz took an outside look in at his life to come up with a hip-hop alias. "It's more kitschy than anything else," he admits. "I was trying to think of what would be a very superficial outsider's version of how someone would sum me up once they found out what type of music I made. I thought of a profile of a New York-bred, Jewish, sarcastic, funny person and Woody Allen naturally came to mind."

Give Woody a hip-hop twist, and the rapper became Hoodie full time. But just don't ask him to name a favorite Woody flick. "It's really hard to pick," Hoodie says. "I don't want to say 'Annie Hall' and be really cliche, but...."

A battle of the titans

Hoodie graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and took a high-profile position at Google's Mountain View offices before leaving to pursue a music career. But what's tougher — Silicone Valley or the music biz?

"It's hard for me to completely compare them. My experience [with the music industry] is me running myself," explains Hoodie. "In tech, I was one of many in a large company. It might be easier for me [to compare the two] if I had been part of my own startup, because with music you start from the ground and try to build an audience and then build upon that. It's very fulfilling."

Writing for keeps

"Happy Camper" offers a more personal peek at Hoodie's life — from the retrospective "Remind Me Of" to the ode to his father, "King to Me" — but the rapper says the introspective release was more of a happy coincidence.

"[The difference] between the last album and this album was when I went into making this one, I wasn't thinking about singles or what the marketing plan could be," he explains. "Concentrating on the music allowed me to be more introspective on some tracks and not over thinking was the key."

James Hunter Black Draftee
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Today, the old Whitney Museum space reopens as the newest outpost of the Met — but the old tenant's focus on modern art will remain. Named for the architect who designed the landmarked building, the Met Breuer (pronounced broy-er) on Madison Avenue and 75th Street will be a distinctly modern museum that presents 20th century and contemporary art, with the rest of the Met's vast collection serving as context. That goal could yield the city's most of-the-moment museum yet.

Inside the process of creation

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A different kind of Met

exhibitions. But instead of going for easy, populist fare or controversy, the Met Breuer is peering inside the creative process with "Unfinished: Thoughts Left Invisible," which tackles the question of when a work of art is complete. Using 197 works spanning the Renaissance to the present, it finds cases of abandonment, interruption, or simply finished but not in a traditional sense.
Through Sept. 4, third and fourth floors

The Met Breuer ED LEDERMAN

Art comes off the walls

Just as GIFs and videos are displacing traditional photos as a way to depict life, the Met Breuer is filling its halls with dynamic art as much as the works on its walls. Performances, films, music and other contemporary arts will expand the Met's existing MetLiveArts program, chiefly by making its third opening "exhibit" a residency by Grammy-nominated composer and pianist Vijay Iyer, who will stage "marathon performances" solo and with other artists (through March 31). Coming up are a film series curated by Thomas Beard of Brooklyn's electronic art venue Light Industry, and the programming even spills over into Carnegie Hall.

A lens on the world

An entire nation, time or culture can't, and shouldn't, be defined by a small handful of artists. To that end, the Met Breuer is giving India's Nasreen Mohamedi her first retrospective in the U.S. Though fairly little known outside her country, Mohamedi was one of its most vital artists to emerge post-independence in 1947 for her modernist line drawings that create entire worlds in angles and spaces.
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Temple believes inexperience does not matter for tourney game against Iowa

The Owls and Hawkeyes tip off in the Eastern Regional around 3:10 p.m. Friday on truTV.

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Fran Dunphy's Owls commit very few fouls, so expect a fast-paced game Friday afternoon. GETTY IMAGES

The Temple basketball team is proud of being an urban school, and takes the subway (when necessary) to get around in Philly.

In Brooklyn, site of their NCAA Tournament first-round match against Iowa, they will take the subway too.

On an unexperienced team like Temple, one that has just one player with Big Dance minutes on the roster, keeping things as close to normal as possible will be key.

And getting every player's best, as the 10th-seeded Owls look to pull a minor upset over No. 7 Iowa, will be the key to making it to the second round.

"That's all out the window," coach Fran Dunphy told CSNPhilly earlier this week, alluding to their inexperience. "If Devin Coleman rises up for a wide-open jumper at 22 feet, does he say, 'I don't have any experience, I don't know if this will go in?' None of that is happening."

Temple won its regular season conference crown thanks to a 14-4 AAC mark. An at-large bid got them into the tournament after a semifinals exit in the conference tournament.

Iowa makes its third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament after finishing third in the Big 10. Among their top accomplishments in league play is a sweep of Michigan and Michigan State (both also in the tournament).

The Owls haven't faced the Hawkeyes in over three decades and face the looming threat of Villanova waiting for them in the second round in the Eastern region. But none of that matters to Dunphy.

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"We're playing basketball and that's what we're going to do," the ACC Coach of the Year said, no stranger to tournament play. This is Temple's seventh appearance under his tenure.

Dunphy hopes the Owls continue to protect the ball. They boast the fewest turnovers in all of college basketball.

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3 Reasons why the Flyers will, will not make the playoffs

The Flyers can control their own destiny if they take care of business these next three weeks.

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The Flyers have gotten scoring from a bevy of players, the most impactful of which are Wayne Simmonds and Brayden Schenn. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers sure have looked like a team headed to the playoffs over the last three weeks.

They are 8-1-1 in their last 10 games after Wednesday's thrilling 3-2 win over the defending champion Blackhawks and have leapfrogged the Red Wings for the final wild card spot.

So, with 13 games left will they keep up the pace or fade down the stretch? Here are Metro's three reasons the Flyers will and won't make the playoffs.

Why they will make it:

The Schedule

The Flyers' playoff fate rests in their own hands as they play the Red Wings and Penguins, the two teams they are battling for the final two wild card berths, four times over the last three weeks of the season, including three games in the final week. Each of those games represents a possible vital four-point swing.

Good Health

Coach Dave Hakstol is going to need all hands on deck, and with all-star forward Jake Voracek slated to return on Saturday against the Penguins — after missing the last nine games — the Flyers are relatively healthy for the stretch drive. The only player unavailable is defenseman Michael Del Zotto, who is out the rest of the year with a hand injury.

A Total Team Effort

The reason the Flyers are even in a position to make the postseason is due in part to contributions from every player on the roster. No longer just a one-line offensive threat, the Flyers are getting secondary scoring, the defensive pairings are clicking at both ends of the ice and goalies Steve Mason and Michal Neuvirth have been outstanding.

Why they won't make it:

The Schedule

Yes, they get to face the Red Wings and Penguins, but the rest of the schedule is daunting. Ten of the games are against teams already in a playoff spot or within six points of one, and the Flyers must play four sets of grueling back-to-back games.

Inconsistent Special Teams

The Flyers have converted just five of their last 32 chances (15 percent) and rank 15th overall in the league at 18.7 percent on the power play. Meanwhile, their penalty kill, which has killed off 13 of the last 14 power plays, is a meager 22nd (80.1 percent). At this time of the year, special teams can mean the difference between making the playoffs and staying home.

Lack of Experience

Nearly half of the Flyers' roster, and their head coach, has never experienced a pressure-packed sprint to the finish line to make the playoffs. They will be learning on the fly — and from the veterans who have gone through it — the mental and physical temerity that is required.

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Best case, worst case scenario for Phillies young position players

How good will Maikel Franco, J.P. Crawford and others be?

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As Ruben Amaro Jr.'s reign as general manger of the Phillies came to an end, he was scrutinized for his unwillingness to trade veteran players. However, the young players Amaro Jr. acquired during his tenure will serve as the foundation for Philadelphia's future as soon as 2016. Here is a look at the best, and worst-case scenarios for the Phillies' young position players:

1 Maikel Franco

Best case: Franco builds on a good 2015, when he hit .280 with 14 home runs in 80 games, makes the All-Star team in 2016, and follows in the footsteps of prolific offensive third basemen such as Adrian Beltre.

Worst case: Franco's long swing and mediocre approach resurface as serious issues. Or worse, his poor defense, which appeared in the form of 10 errors in 2015, makes him a defensive liability.

2 J.P. Crawford

Best case: Crawford continues to excel with an excellent approach at the plate and develops more power as he grows into his body. As a byproduct, the 21-year-old gets called up in 2016 when the rosters expand, pairs his refined offensive game with an established glove, and lives up to his billing.

Worst case: Crawford fails to reach his ceiling offensively and does not become a perennial All-Star. However, his smart approach at the plate, and top-flight defense allow him to succeed as a productive shortstop and leadoff hitter.

3 Nick Williams

Best case: Williams, a piece of the Cole Hamels trade, improves defensively in 2016, allowing him to stay in center and make the roster in 2017. In addition, he builds on an impressive offensive 2015, when he posted a .303 batting average as well as 17 home runs.

Worst case: While his bat continues to keep him in the lineup, Williams never truly sheds the label of being an athlete, rather than a baseball player, and has to move to a corner outfield spot in order to hide his poor routes, and weak arm.

4 Roman Quinn

Best case: Drafted in 2011, Quinn continues to show the improvement that allowed him to go from unranked to the fifth best prospect in the Phillies' system, according to Baseball Prospectus. The switch-hitter uses his elite speed to develop into an established table-setter.

Worst case: Injuries, such as the tear in his hip flexor that robbed him of most of the 2015 season, continue to plague Quinn, pushing his development back another year, and keep him in the minors until 2018.

5 Jorge Alfaro

Best case: Alfaro harnesses his impressive raw power and pairs that with his elite arm behind the plate. As a result, the young catcher develops into a player that supplies offense that is rare at the position, serves as an anchor defensively, and makes the 2016 Opening Day roster.

Worst case: Alfaro never progresses past a point on offense where he provides anything but occasional power and his occasionally questionable mechanics behind the plate diminish the value of his throwing strength.

Maikel Franco has a tantalizing amount of talent both offensively and defensively. GETTY IMAGES

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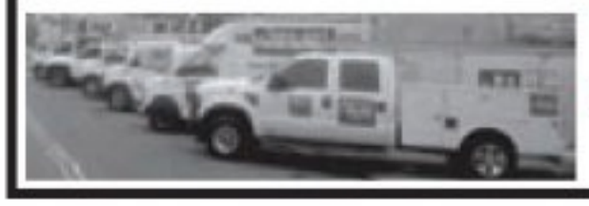

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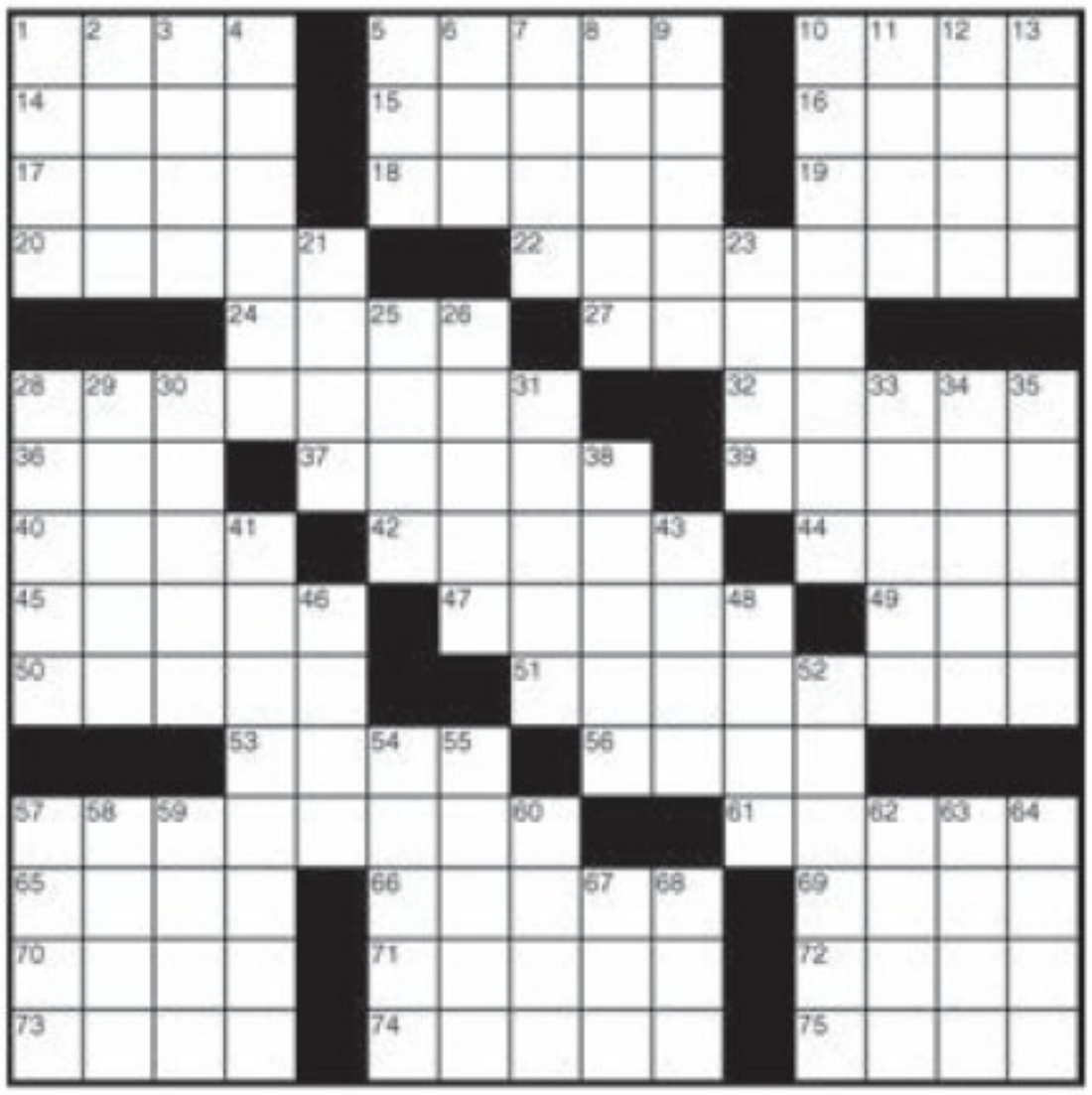

Across

1 Copacetic
5 Shook, maybe
10 Long hairpiece
14 Novelist — Bagnold
15 Martini extra
16 Orchestra member
17 Hindu god of fire
18 Stair post
19 McEntire of C&W music
20 Della of pop
22 Full of air
24 Not the half — —
27 Just for guys
28 Plaza feature
32 Brake parts
36 Jackie's second
37 Drop a glass
39 Expose fangs
40 Flag waver?
42 "Cross of Gold" orator
44 Stick together
45 Made mention of
47 Vicunas' hangout
49 "— to Billie Joe"
50 Foul-up
51 Dry red wine
53 Shortage
56 Trunk possessor
57 Helen of Troy left him
61 Tightly curled
65 Fuel cartel
66 Sat opposite
69 Singer — Hendryx
70 Sphagnum moss
71 Delight
72 Harm
73 Moray and conger
74 Food wrap
75 An evening out

Down

1 Cold feet
2 "Bus Stop" author
3 Diamond number
4 Phonograph inventor
5 — ton soup
6 Malt brew
7 Fuzzy fruit
8 Levels off
9 Blue pottery of Holland
10 Grazing
11 Drive the getaway car
12 Earring site
13 Conduct
21 Salamanders
23 Highland youths
25 Poet's foot
26 Coronet
28 Spotted animals
29 Sky hunter
30 Utah mountain range
31 "Bye Bye Bye" band
33 Elegant shop
34 Rough
35 Icy rain
38 Set upon (2 wds.)
41 Turns aside
43 Corn Belt st.
46 Two-way
48 Go in search of
52 Curbed, with "in"
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Aries Say what's on your mind, but don't feel the need to share personal information that could be used against you. Make special plans for two, relax and enjoy.

Taurus Listen to complaints made by children, friends or a co-worker. Protect your home and reputation. You'll gain satisfaction and respect if you help others.

Gemini You should plan a busy schedule and stick to it in order to avoid a run-in with someone looking for a fight. Overreacting will lead to discord.

Cancer Put a little added detail into whatever you do. Your uniqueness will make you stand out and will lead to an interesting proposal. Romance is looking good. Make plans for two.

Leo Don't stop short of what you want to achieve. Give an added push and strut your stuff. Your dedication and determination will capture plenty of interest.

Virgo Look over your personal and financial investments and make sure that everything is in order. Budget carefully to ensure that you get the most for the least.

Libra A positive change in a personal relationship or business partnership will develop if you are forthright about what you want and what you are willing to give.

Scorpio Get your personal priorities straight. An emotional situation will dampen your plans if you have neglected to include someone close to you.

Sagittarius Protect against misinterpretation or loss of reputation. Focus on positive and affordable changes that will improve your domestic situation.

Capricorn Sharing your plans will enable you to see where you stand and if you are with someone who is interested in helping you pursue your dream.

Aquarius Bring anything that is troubling you to the forefront in order to resolve an issue swiftly, enabling you to move ahead with changes that will improve your emotional well-being.

Pisces Don't overdo it or exhaustion or injury is likely. Slow down and only do what you are capable of doing. Strive to keep your life simple.

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